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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Lowry Avenue Community Works

The Lowry Avenue Northeast planning process has begun and will be completed this fall. Efforts will focus on six key Lowry Avenue intersections: Marshall Street, 2nd Street, University Avenue, Monroe Street, Washington Street, and Central Avenue. Currently, the project team is gathering information on traffic counts, demographics, property values, and reviewing previous plans.

Lowry Avenue Community Works is a collaboration between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis to improve transportation options, offer housing choices, and support business growth in the Lowry Avenue communities. It's an important project that affects all residents in Northeast Minneapolis—particularly Bottineau—and the planners want our input.

This community input will be invaluable for developing options on how these intersections can support business growth and residential housing, enhance the natural environment, and improve the environment for bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles, transit and freight.

The study will include an implementation strategy for designing and constructing recommended improvements in collaboration with project planners. As noted in last month's issue of the Gazette, Bottineau has three representatives

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 26 @ 9 a.m.

Mississippi River & Neighborhood Clean-up

Why? Because you care! More information will be available in March & April editions of the Bottineau Gazette

on the Citizen Advisory Board for this project: Fadumo Abdi, Robert Marget, and John Olson.

Additionally, Hennepin County will be hosting the first public workshop for the Lowry Avenue Northeast plan on **Thursday, February 27 from 6-8 p.m.** at Edison High School's Media Room (700 22nd Ave. NE). This will be your opportunity for direct input to the process.

The workshop will begin with a presentation on recently gathered corridor information followed by a community input activity focused on transportation and economic opportunities in study intersection areas. Input will be focused on the four following questions:

- *When you think of Lowry Ave. NE, what do you believe are its greatest **strengths**? (Assets or characteristics that should be maintained or enhanced as the community plans for the future.)*

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilwoman
Hofstede
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner Higgins
348-7882

Parks Commissioner
Wielinski
230-6443

Bottineau Park
370-4958

Family Violence,
Domestic Abuse, Child
Abuse
673-3072

Housing Inspections
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood
Services (ESNS)
781-6011

Community Crime
Prevention
673-2797

Pierre Bottineau Library
630-6890

Minneapolis Park Board
230-6400

Minneapolis Solid Waste
and Recycling
673-2917

Traffic Enforcement
673-3443

> **LOWRY AVENUE** cont.

- *What characteristics or aspects of Lowry Ave. NE do you believe to be **weaknesses**? (Things about the corridor that you think should be corrected, improved or eliminated in the future.)*
- *What do you see as **opportunities** available to Lowry Ave. NE in the future?*
- *What do you perceive as **threats** to a successful future for Lowry Ave. NE?*

If you are able to attend this important community-wide meeting, please write down your answers to these questions and bring them to the workshop.

If you are unable to attend but still wish to participate, please send your answers to Nancy Przymus by mail (Bottineau Neighborhood Association, 2205 California St. NE, #107, Minneapolis MN 55418) or by email (bnabottineaneighborhood.org).

2nd Precinct Advisory:

BE SMART with your SMART PHONE!

Recently, there have been several instances in the 2nd Precinct of cell phones being stolen. These phones, routinely held in the hands of pedestrians while talking or texting, are being targeted by thieves who commonly travel on foot and on bicycles. Cell phone theft is also common at establishments where people leave electronic devices unattended.

If this happens to you, **call 911 immediately** and report the loss of your phone or other electronic device. But in the meantime, there are steps you can take to minimize your risks:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Be cautious of cell phone use in public areas; avoid having them on display when not in use.
- If you have an IPHONE, back up its information on the ICLOUD and enable the free *Find my IPHONE* service. In the event that your phone is stolen you can also use the ICLOUD to wipe sensitive data from the phone.
- Use a passcode on your device to protect personal information such as bank account numbers.
- Write down the serial number (IMEI) for the handset and keep it in a secure location
- For Android devices, install an app that can locate a lost or stolen device such as Lookout, Plan B, SeekDroid or Where's my Droid

Crime Prevention:

Block Clubs & Information

Block leaders and block clubs can help ensure that important information is getting out to all of your neighbors.

- Block clubs and block leaders are a point of contact for the Police Department on a specific block to help distribute information door to door or via email list
- They help gather and provide information to the Police Dept.

> **PREVENT CRIME** cont.

- They host 1-2 block events a year to help keep the communication loop energized
- They help all the neighbors take ownership of their block and neighborhood
- The 2nd Precinct does provide training and assistance to block leaders/block clubs

For Crime Prevention resources and handouts to give to your neighbors:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crime-prevention/>

To sign-up for the Email Action Alerts (email reports of police actions within a 1.5 -2 block radius around your house/business) – contact your Crime Prevention Specialist, Susan Bradshaw, 612-673-2874 or susan.bradshaw@minneapolismn.gov

To sign-up for the email crime alert system:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert/signup.asp>

Share these crime alerts with your neighbors and work together to reduce the risks and opportunities to reduce the crime alerts in your neighborhood.

Sno Ball 2014

On **February 22nd**, Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO) will hold its annual fundraising SNO Ball event from 7 p.m. to midnight at B.E. Coterie (165 13th Ave NE). This is a 21+ event with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a 12 piece dance band called *Emerson Avenue*. In addition, there will be a silent auction, a photo booth by Drew Trampe, and special guests, *Anda Flamenco Company*.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and are available at Two12 Pottery and on-line (see Facebook page for link). All proceeds to benefit the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization and the Sheridan Story.

Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SheridanNeighborhoodOrgSNO>

Low Cost Rain Barrels & Compost Bins

This spring, the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is working with cities and counties throughout Minnesota to provide affordable rain barrels and compost bins to Minnesota residents. Following are a few of the benefits obtained from a system of rain barrels and compost bins:

- Using a rain barrel, you conserve water by using rain water rather than water from the spigot. It also helps with storm water management on your property (in conjunction with your neighbors) and will reduce storm water runoff, which can be a major pollution contributor to waterways.
- By using a compost bin you can reduce more than 25% of your waste from going to a landfill, which saves money for all of us.

These compost bins and rain barrels come with a 10 year warranty, are made from recycled content, and are extremely affordable. Compost bins are only \$55 and rain barrels are \$69.

RAM is hosting a rain barrel and compost bin distribution event in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 26th. To pre-order your bin or barrel, or for more information go to: RecycleMinnesota.org

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

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Mark Your Calendars



2/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

2/27 Lowry Ave Community Input Mtg
7 p.m. @ Edison High School
(see article on page 1)

NOTE: The public is welcome at all BNA meetings. All meetings are accessible and requests for special accommodations at BNA meetings may be made by contacting us no less than one week prior to the event. This publication can be made available in an alternative format. Please contact BNA with specific requests.

In History

Feb. 1, 1960 – In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African-American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Over the next several days, similar protests against segregation spread to other Southern states resulting in the arrests of over 1600 peaceful protesters.

Feb. 22, 1956 – In Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three-month-old bus boycott—including Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks—voluntarily gave themselves up for arrest after an ultimatum from white city leaders. Later in the year, the Supreme Court mandated desegregation of the buses.